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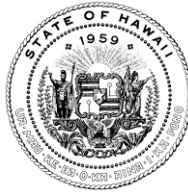
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARIA CHUN, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

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TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
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9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 627, SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, MARIA CHUN, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2021.**

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Ahlani Quiogue, and I am the Executive Officer for the Hawaii Medical Board ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify on G.M. 627, regarding the **reappointment** of Maria B.J. Chun, Ph.D., CHC, CPC-A, to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Dr. Chun's reappointment to the Board.

Dr. Chun is being reappointed to the Board as a public member. She has been serving on the Board since September 2013, and most currently, as a holdover since June 30, 2017. Dr. Chun is a reliable member and has excellent attendance at Board meetings.

Dr. Chun has, and continues to bring, the true perspective of the "consumer". Her desire to continue to serve as a public member is commendable.

Both Dr. Chun's personal and professional experiences make her a valued member of the Board. Dr. Chun's credentials are excellent. She received her doctorate degree from the University of Hawaii. She is currently a Specialist and Associate Chair,

Administration of Finance, University of Hawaii at Manoa, John A. Burns School of Medicine ("JABSOM"), Department of Surgery. Prior to her position with JABSOM, Dr. Chun served as the Deputy Auditor in the State Office of the Auditor, as well the Program Budget Analyst for the Senate Committee on Ways and Means in the early-1990's. Based on her health care and government background, Dr. Chun comes well-equipped to deal with and address issues that come before the Board.

We believe that Dr. Chun's interest in serving on the Board and desire to contribute to the community will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Dr. Chun to the Board.



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Kenric M. Murayama, MD, FACS
Professor and Chairman
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March 9, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
415 S Beretania Street, Suite 231
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Re: Maria Chun, Ph.D. (Re: Governor Message #627)

Dear Senator Baker,

I am honored to strongly recommend Dr. Maria Chun for re-appointment to the Hawai'i Medical Board. Dr. Chun has served loyally on the Board and has been an active and thoughtful contributor. She brings her strong leadership and administrative skills to the Board. She is intelligent, honest, fair, and ethical and, as a physician, she is the kind of person I want contributing to the important decisions and actions of the Hawai'i Medical Board.

I have had the chance to work closely with Dr. Chun in her capacity as Associate Chair for Administration and Finance in the Department of Surgery of the John A. Burns School of Medicine and feel well qualified to provide her with the strongest recommendation for re-appointment. Dr. Chun is a nationally recognized expert in cultural competency in healthcare and hosts a biannual conference here in Hawaii that attracts both local and national speakers and participants. She is thoughtful and a common-sense decision maker and her counsel is sought by many.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any question or concerns. I have absolutely no reservations giving Dr. Chun my highest recommendation.

With Warm Regards,

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March 16, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senatorial District 6
Hawai'i State Capital, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

I am pleased to hear about Dr. Maria Chun's nomination to serve on the Hawaii Medical Board and I offer my strongest support for her consideration to become a member of this board. I have known Dr. Chun since 2008 where we met as colleagues in a year-long Office of Medical Education Fellowship program at John A. Burns School of Medicine. Thereafter, we served together on the JABSOM Faculty Senate as members of our respective departments, then later as officers, her most recent role being Vice President.

The strengths that Dr. Chun will bring to the Hawaii Medical Board are:

- Her educational background in sociology and psychology and her research accomplishments where she will bring clear acumen in approaching problems.
- Her work with the General Surgery Department, which gives her insight into the needs of physicians in training and in practice.
- Her exceptional analytical and organizational skills, which make her a strong asset in every scenario (including our medical school's recent successful accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education).
- Her skills and adaptability in working with many different types of people in different settings as an effective team member.

Dr. Chun's background, personal strengths and experiences will make her a strong asset to the Hawaii Medical Board. I highly recommend her for this important and most crucial position, as I believe she will bring much insight into the needs of Hawaii's physicians and the people that they serve.

Sincerely,

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Jane H. Uyehara-Lock, M.D., FCAP, FASCP

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RE: Letter of Reference for Maria Chun, Ph.D.

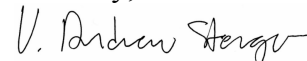
Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing in you in support of Dr. Maria Chun for reappointment to the Board of Medical Examiners (BOME). I am currently a Professor of Medicine and have been involved in biomedical research and education for over 20 years. I have worked with Maria at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) for the last five years. We work closely together as executive members of the Faculty Senate where we represent the JABSOM faculty on wide ranges of issues including training of future physicians as well as residents. Based on my interactions Maria has excellent insight into the needs of physicians as well as the needs of the population served by the physicians of Hawaii.

Maria's background is in Psychology and Sociology and works regularly with Hawaii's surgeons as a faculty member in the JABSOM Department of Surgery. She understands the needs and expectations of physicians both in training and in practice. Maria also has a background in research methods and the translation of scientific issues related to the latest surgical procedures. As a result she can provide helpful insights to the BOME on a wide scope of issues. Maria is also dedicated and very professional. She is always willing to help and put the needs of the group over her own personal career objectives.

I strongly recommend Maria and truly have enjoyed working with her. I am sure she will be a strong asset to the BOME. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



V. Andrew Stenger, Ph.D.
Professor of Medicine

March 13, 2018

Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
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**RE: Maria B.J. Chun, Ph.D.
Candidate for Public Member, Hawaii Medical Board (GM627)**

Dear Honorable Chair Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health:

Thank you for the opportunity to present a written statement for your consideration in strong support of Dr. Maria Chun's confirmation to the **Hawaii Medical Board**. Dr. Chun would fill a vacancy for a public member for a second term. I anticipate that there will be many letters of endorsement similar to mine, so I will be brief, in deference to the Committee's busy schedule.

By way of background, I had previously served on the Hawaii Medical Board for 8 years, serving as Chair of the Board during the last 5 of those years. Moreover, I am a tenured Professor at the University of Hawaii and the prior Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Hawaii. In this role I had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Chun, particularly on fiscal and managerial matters and I therefore believe that I am in good position to speak to the qualities that make her well-suited to continue to serve the public and the citizens of Hawaii on the Hawaii Medical Board. I will not reiterate what is in her application packet but rather highlight the skill set she would bring with her to the Board.

First of all, Dr. Chun has extensive experience in governmental affairs, as her curriculum vitae demonstrates. Her experiences include, among a number of endeavors, working for a prior Lieutenant Governor, in addition to spending a number of years in the Office of the State Auditor (the last three of those years as the Deputy). She understands the role of governmental oversight and the responsibilities associated with such roles. Additionally, Dr. Chun is a collaborator and a leader, with exemplary interpersonal communication skills, who approaches matters with the highest level of dedication, integrity, and professionalism. She is highly dependable, detail-oriented, a quick learner, and one who seeks clarity if the circumstance requires it. Her morals and ethics are outstanding, and she is well-respected by all who work with her.

In closing, I believe that Dr. Chun has the requisite qualifications, skills, and temperament to serve the public in an exemplary manner as a member of the Hawaii Medical Board, and I unequivocally support her candidacy with the highest possible enthusiasm. I hope that you will give her candidacy strong consideration. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

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Danny M. Takanishi, Jr., MD, FACS

March 11, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senatorial District 6
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96913

RE: GM 627, nomination of Dr. Maria Chun for the Hawaii Medical Board

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing this letter in **STRONG** support of Dr. Maria Chun's appointment to the Hawaii Medical Board. I have had the privilege of meeting Dr. Chun in 2014 in her professional capacity as the Associate Chair of Administration and Finance at the John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Surgery. Upon meeting Dr. Chun, I was immediately impressed with her intellect, integrity, character, and strong work ethic.

As I got to know Dr. Chun better professionally and personally, I have observed her unequivocal dedication and commitment to advancing the education and sharing of knowledge in the health care field, along with serving as mentor to many. This is evident in her initiation and coordination of the Cross-Cultural Health Care conference, and her teaching of Honor courses at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. On a personal level, I have observed Dr. Chun's thoughtfulness and willingness to help others, which has earned her the admiration and respect of many, including myself.

Again, I write this letter in **STRONG** support of Dr. Maria Chun's appointment to the Hawaii Medical Board. I believe the Hawaii Medical Board, and ultimately the Hawaii community, will benefit from her service. Thank you for this opportunity to provide this written testimony in support of Dr. Maria Chun.

Sincerely,

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Daylen Koga

Calvin K. Hangai
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March 22, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker

Chair
Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Senatorial District 6
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Dr. Maria Chun's Nomination to the Hawaii Medical Board

Dear Senator Baker:

I am pleased to submit testimony on behalf of Dr. Maria Chun's nomination to the Hawaii Medical Board.

I am a certified public accountant in Hawaii (*not in public practice*) and currently the Controller & Senior Vice President of First Hawaiian Bank. Previously, I worked with Dr. Chun at the State of Hawaii, Office of the Auditor for many years. During this period, I worked closely with Dr. Chun and got to know her well, as she became a mentor to me during my tenure with the office. I have remained close friends with her since then.

In her role as the Deputy Auditor, she exemplified the core values of the Office of the Auditor: integrity, respect, and trust. Dr. Chun always held herself and those around her accountable for their actions, and could always be counted on to make the right choice, even if it was the most difficult. Through her actions, Dr. Chun taught me that integrity and trust go hand-in-hand to inspire an environment of trust. An environment built on trust promotes engagement and innovation.

I strongly support Dr. Chun's nomination to the Hawaii Medical Board and am confident she will serve the community with passion and integrity.

Sincerely,

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Calvin K. Hangai
C.P.A. (*not in public practice*)

March 13, 2018

Senator Roslyn Baker, Chair

Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee.

Re: Dr. Maria Chun; Reappointment to Hawaii Medical Board

Governor's Msg. #627

It's my pleasure to recommend Dr. Maria Chun for a reappointment position with the Hawaii Medical Board.

Dr. Chun is educationally qualified and has a vast amount of experience in the healthcare field which more than meets the qualifications of the position.

She has been with the John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Surgery for several years and has exhibited exemplary skills as Assistant Chair of the Department.

Pertinent to this recommendation and for your consideration are some of my personal observations. I own and operate a healthcare consulting company in Honolulu and have known Dr. Chun for about ten years. We have worked together on numerous projects and I can attest to her knowledge of the complex issues facing Hawaii's medical community. She is sensitive to the needs of the community as well as the multi-faceted issues facing physicians in these changing times. She communicates well with colleagues and is a good listener. On many occasions I have seen her interact with physicians and she is fair and willing to work toward compromise as necessary.

Dr. Chun's entrepreneurial abilities and expertise have also been a valuable contribution to professional service organizations such as the Hawaii Professional Medical Coders Education Fund where she has volunteered with me for the past six years. She also finds time to chair other professional meetings for healthcare groups including those associated with the John A Burns School of Medicine.

As you can see, Dr. Chun is a skilled professional with years of experience working with Hawaii's medical community. I'm extending my highest recommendation for your consideration for her reappointment to the Hawaii Medical Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeri Leong".

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